

S T O N E / W E D E M A N C E M E T E R Y

STONE/WEDEMAN CEMETERY

Buried in the Stone/Wedeman Cemetery, R. D. # 1, Carbondale, Pa., are the following (all of whose tombstones were located by Silas Robert Powell on June 10, 1975):

1. "Peter Rivenburg year (?)"
2. "Gordon son of Peter and Fanny Rivenburg died February 8, 1864
ae 5 y's 9 m and 5 d's Of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven"
3. "Ethan A. Stone 1814-1886" (see pp. 2222-2223)
"Lucinda Pell his wife 1815-1898" (see pp. 2222-2223)
4. "George W. Stone 1840-19" (see pp. 2220-2223)
"Eliza Wedeman 1845-1905" (see pp. 2220-2223)
"Martha J. dau. of George W. and Eliza Stone 1864-65
died Feb. 10, 1865 ae 1 y & 19 d's Of Such is the
Kingdom of Heaven"
5. "Henry Wedeman Apr. 4, 1804--Feb. 10, 1893"
"Ann wife of Henry Wedeman Aug. 20, 1815--July 28, 1890"
"Willet M. Son of Henry and Ann Wedeman Nov. 13, 1849--
July 20, 1865"
6. "John Williams 1834-1912"
"Caroline Hudson his wife 1840-1890"

In 1880 (p. 477) the following information is given about the "Stone/Wedeman" Cemetery:

"The earliest grave yard [in Fell Township] was on the farm where George W. Stone now lives, known as the old Wedeman farm, on the west side of the Fall Brook and Crystal lake road. The next was on the Avery place. A Rider family lived there, and the first interment was of the remains of Johathan Rider..."

ERVIN H. STONE

To find men of ability it is not necessary to journey far from home and friends. We need but to look about us to see many who have displayed an energy of action that entitles them to recognition among progressive and public-spirited citizens. In Carbondale, as elsewhere, opportunities are not lacking to teach the power of honesty and energy in securing the individual and public good. The subject of this biographical notice is one who is prospering in business and who is also ever found ready to promote the welfare of his fellowmen by assisting in their worthy undertakings. While his residence in this city has been of comparatively brief duration, his experience in the milk business covers an extended period, and he is still successfully engaged in this occupation. In addition he also has ice cream parlors, with soda fountain and confectionery store, near the intersection of Church and Canaan Streets, an excellent location for the trade.

The father of our subject, George W. Stone, was born in Abington Township, Lackawanna County, September 4, 1840, and has always been connected with the occupation of farming. He remained on the old homestead, interested in farming and lumbering, until of age. During the progress of the Civil War he enlisted as a member of Company K, Twenty-Fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, and accompanied his regiment to Harper's Ferry and the Shenandoah Valley, remaining in the service for three months, after which he was honorably discharged. For thirty years or more he has resided in Fell Township, this county. In addition to farming, for eleven years he served as a minister in the Free Will Baptist Church.

Ethan A. Stone, our subject's grandfather, was a son of Welcome Stone, a farmer, and was born in Abington Township, this county. Between the ages of thirteen and twenty-one he lived in Wilkesbarre, where he learned the hatter's trade. Next he went to Dundaff, from there to Abington Township thence to Scott, and in 1849 settled in Fell Township, where he died at seventy-two years. His wife, Lucinda Pell, was the daughter of a Frenchman who emigrated to this country and first settled in Wilkesbarre, but about 1800 removed to Greenfield Township, this county, becoming a pioneer there. The family of Ethan A. Stone consisted of eight children, and our subject's father is the eldest of the four survivors.

January 1, 1863, George W. Stone married Elizabeth Wedeman, member of a pioneer family of Fell Township. They became the parents of five children, namely: Martha J., who died at the age of thirteen months; George B., who married Mary Everson and has two children, Lila and Everett; Ervin H., Edith, and Grace E. Our subject, who was third among the children, was born January 12, 1872 and grew to manhood upon the home farm, receiving a fair opportunity for an education. Early in life he began to make his own way in the world, his first work being in the milk business, which he thoroughly understands. On coming to Carbondale in 1895

he opened a milk depot in Salem Avenue, and has since built up a good trade among the people here. He married Miss Grace Purdy, who was born in Pennsylvania; they and their two children, Mabel and Rexford, occupy a comfortable residence on Birkett Street, which he built for his family. In his political opinions he is a Republican, and in religious beliefs is identified with the Baptist Church.

Pages 567-568 of PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PA., CONTAINING PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PROMINENT AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY. TOGETHER WITH BIOGRAPHIES AND PORTRAITS OF ALL THE PRESIDENTS OF THE U. S. (New York and Chicago: Chapman Publishing Co., 1897).

On June 14, 1978, SRP and DWP examined a copy of THE 1850 CENSUS OF PENNSYLVANIA: LUZERNE AND WYOMING COUNTIES in the Scranton Public Library. In reading the Greenfield Township section of that census, they noted the following:

1. p. 483, #1: Ethan A. Stone, age 36, male, farmer, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)
- p. 483, #2: Lucinda Stone, age 36, female, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)
- p. 483, #3: Ira W. Stone, age 11, male, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)
- p. 483, #4: George W. Stone, age 10, male, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)
- p. 483, #5: Eliza C. Stone, age 6, female, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)
- p. 483, #6: Amanda[?] Stone, age 3, female, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)
- p. 483, #7: Helen A. Stone, age 6/12, female, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)
2. p.498, #3: Mortimer Stone, male, farmer, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)
- p.498, #4: Emily Stone, age 17, female, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)
- p.498, #5: Julia E. Stone, age 1, female, Pa. (listed by census taker, J. B. Mills, on Dec. 28, 1850)

The Ethan A. Stone and Lucinda Stone that are listed above, as well as their son, George W. Stone (and his wife and one of his children) are interred in the Stone/Wedeman Cemetery, see p.

How, if at all, are Mortimer Stone, Emily Stone and Julia E. Stone related to Ethan A. Stone?

How, if at all, is Lucinda (Pell) Stone related to Josiah Pell (see p. 2229).

In that section of Williams' Lackawanna County Directory 1893-4 entitled "Lackawanna County Farmers' Directory" is the following reference to George W. Stone:

(p. 147) Stone George W, Fell twp, Carbondale P O,
 144 acres

In that section of Williams' Lackawanna County Directory 1893-4 entitled "Lackawanna County Farmers' Directory" is the following reference to John H. Wedeman:

(p. 417) Wedeman John H, Fell twp, Carbondale P O,
 80 acres